ECF NEWS

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DEADLINE NEARS

Judge Mahoney has set March 31, 2003, as the deadline for all Nebraska attorneys practicing in Bankruptcy Court to be "live" on ECF. Training classes are available in Omaha and Lincoln weekly. Efforts are being made to provide training in other locations around the state and classes have been held in Norfolk, Gering, North Platte, Grand Island and Kearney. Call the Court to schedule training for you and your staff. For training in Lincoln, call Cindy, Donna, or Elaine at (402) 437-5100. For training in Omaha, call Nancy or Laura at (402) 661-7444.

CASE UPLOAD IS WORKING

The wait is finally over! Case upload is now working for filing of complete cases (petition **and** schedules). You no longer have to enter a case manually if you have case preparation software that is compatible with our system. If you are not sure whether your software is compatible with our system check with your vendor or the Court. If you do not have case preparation software and are interested in purchasing some check our Newsletter No. 2 for a list of vendors. You can find this newsletter on our web site at www.neb.uscourt.gov . Click on the CM/ECF Case Management / Electronic Case link on the upper right portion of the page to access ECF information. You can also call the Court and we can give you the names of attorneys who are using case upload and are willing to share information about the case preparation programs they are using or have tested.

If you are filing only the petition, you will need to enter the case manually. In Chapter 13 cases, you cannot file the Chapter 13 plan through the case upload system. It must be docketed manually in the system because of the format of the plan pursuant to General Order 02-05.

All North Platte cases are now assigned to the Lincoln office based on the debtor's county of residence. If you are still manually entering cases, you should select the Lincoln office for North Platte cases.

CREDITOR ADDITIONS FOR CLAIMS

Attorneys can now add a creditor to a Bankruptcy case for the purpose of filing a claim. Previously, attorneys were required to call the clerk's office and request a creditor be added if their creditor was not listed in the case or had a different address than the attorney wanted to use.

Limited use logins and passwords are now being issued to creditors for filing claims, reaffirmation agreements, and notices of appearance.

ECF STATISTICS

Number of registered "live" attorneys - 168
Number of pages scanned - 483,370

Docket entries in CM/ECF:
By court (internal) users - 107,002
By autodocket - 11,379
By external users - 28,240
TOTAL ENTRIES = 146,621

"BEST PRACTICES" FORUMS

The United States Bankruptcy Court and the United States District Court will hold CM/ECF "Best Practices" Forums in Omaha, Lincoln, and North Platte. These forums will provide attorneys and their staff an opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences with others regarding the ECF system.

There will be an open forum session from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM with discussion on such matters as the ECF Administrative Procedures, the addition of Bankruptcy opinions to the web pages and other ECF related matters.

In addition to the open forum, three different breakout sessions will be offered between 10:00 AM and Noon covering Case Upload, How to manage your E-Mail and the Offering of Affidavits and Exhibits.

The forums will be offered at the Federal courthouses on the following dates:
Omaha - January 31, 2003
Lincoln - February 7, 2003
North Platte - March 21, 2003

For more information and to sign up, please visit our web page at www.neb.uscourts.gov

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Remember to check our web site regularly to keep current with ECF changes and improvements. Recent information additions include Docketing Standards for Evidence, Judge John V. Hendry's letter regarding Notice of Bankruptcy Filing and the Court's revised Administrative Procedures which are effective on January 6, 2003.

Happy Holidays!